

This awards ceremony is intended to remember the personality of the scientist and friend Renato Musto, to whom the award is dedicated for the will of his wife, prof. Eliana Minicozzi. This year the award intends to recognize a young scientist that has distinguished her/him self in the field of Neuroscience with her/his work original and with high scientific impact.

Prof. Carla Perrone Capano, Univ. Federico II, Prof. Nicoletta Berardi, Scuola Normale di Pisa, Prof. Noel Buckley, Kings College London, Dr. Davide Viggiano, University of Molise and myself formed the selection board.

Renato was Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University Federico II, one of the most brilliant and beloved professors of the University of Naples.

He was a man of science. He was a gentleman, and a very gentle man.

In his journey as a researcher and author in quantum field theory, his interests ranged from the history of physics to the history of ideas and the relationship between science and society. Renato has stimulated many initiatives for the dissemination and scientific communication and fascinated many budding young scientists.

His studies and wide interests brought him to the string analysis of the musical structure of The Magic Flute; the relationship between Science and Democracy in advanced societies, from the history of American Workers Movement, the History and Epistemology of Science, to the study of Novalis and the early romantics. Last but not list he developed a great interest and curiosity in the Music-Brain relationship and its neurobiology.